

# PUP PRESS



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## A Busy September

It was wonderful seeing so many of you this week at our **parent coffee**. Topics this week included staff work on developing our "Keeping it R.E.A.L." culture and shared agreements around our school, fall assessments to help us deliver instruction at just the right level for your student, MAP testing, and keyboarding. (To learn more about keeping it R.E.A.L., see today's post on the PTA website at [www.tmlink.org](http://www.tmlink.org).) As always, parents had great feedback and follow-up questions. Please join me next month to discuss the book "*Mindset: The New Psychology of Success*" by Carol Dweck – date and time for the next coffee to be announced soon!

We have a lot going on around our school! Here's the latest:

- Our **Building Leadership Team** kicked off our first meeting of the year on Monday evening. Thank you so much to our parent representatives for representing our parent body in this endeavor. Our BLT is responsible for creating a cohesive academic plan for the school, with particular responsibilities for our Budget, our Professional Development Plan, and our Continuous School Improvement Plan. Our parent BLT representatives are:
  - Angie Jenkins (General Education)
  - Trinia Washington (Highly Capable Cohort)
  - Anne Sheeran (Special Education)
- DanceChance** – The Pacific Northwest Ballet joined our 3rd-grade classes at school on **Wednesday, Sept. 24**, to screen our students. The DanceChance program's mission is to reach into the community to discover talented Seattle-area elementary school students and provide them with classical training they might not otherwise receive. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in this program this year.
- Teachers participated in a professional development opportunity during our **Early Release day** this Wednesday. Teachers were released from classes to observe a writing lesson together in classrooms at their grade level and then spent the afternoon debriefing the experience with the goal of improving writing instruction for all. As writing is a main focus for professional development this year, we will repeat this Writing Lab experience throughout the school year.
- Reminders for next week:
  - Picture Day** for all students is next **Tuesday, Sept. 30**.
  - Curriculum Night** is next **Thursday, Oct. 2**. Our schedule will be:
    - 6-6:45 pm – Parents of K, 1st, 2nd and PEACE Academy students meet with teachers
    - 6:45-7:15 pm – All school meeting in the Auditorium
    - 7:15-8:00 pm – Parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th-grade students meet with teachers

To Learning New Things!

Katie May, Principal

## New Calendar on PTA Website

We've updated the PTA website with a new calendar containing all PTA events and other meaningful school dates. (If you already use an online calendar, you can subscribe to ours to add our events in!) Check it out at [www.tmlink.org/newsandevents/calendar/](http://www.tmlink.org/newsandevents/calendar/)

## EVENT CALENDAR

**Tues., Sept. 30**

Picture Day (*Bring your forms!*)



**Thurs., Oct. 2**

Curriculum Night

6-6:45 pm K-2 & PEACE (Classrooms)

6:45-7:15 pm Presentation (Gym)

7:15-8 pm Grades 3-5 (Classrooms)

**Fri., Oct. 3**

*Let's Go Nuts* Allergy Assembly

2:15-2:55 pm Grades K-2

3-3:40 pm Grades 3-5

(*Families welcome to attend!*)

**Fri., Oct. 10**

No School (staff professional development)



**Thurs., Oct. 23**

Board Game Night

6:30-8 pm in Gym



## TUTU'S PANTRY

**Sept. 29:** 3rd-Grade Donations

**Oct. 6:** 4th-Grade Donations

**Oct. 13:** 5th-Grade Donations

**Oct. 20:** PEACE/Kindergarten Donations

**Oct. 27:** 1st-Grade Donations

**Nov. 3:** 2nd-Grade Donations

Questions? Contact Tutu's Pantry Coordinators  
Kim Enochs at [kimenochs@comcast.net](mailto:kimenochs@comcast.net)/  
206-604-1202 or Maggie Trapp at  
[maggietrapp@yahoo.com](mailto:maggietrapp@yahoo.com)/206-399-8320.

## Thurgood Marshall Shirts

We're sending home a form for Thurgood Marshall t-shirts and sweatshirts your children can wear on Pup Pride Fridays—or any day! Forms due by Friday, **Oct. 17!**

## Meet Dr. Nyland

Seattle Public Schools Interim Superintendent Dr. Larry Nyland has scheduled several informal one-hour gatherings to meet with community members, which will include a few short remarks and an open question and answer period.

Next few meetings:

Mon., Sept. 29, 6-7 pm, Neighborhood House, 6400 Sylvan Way SW

Tue., Sept. 30, 6-7 pm, New Holly Comm. Ctr., 7054 32nd Ave S

Wed., Oct 1, 8:30 am – 9:30 am, John Muir Elem., 3301 S. Horton St.

Visit this page for a complete list of meetings, locations and interpreter availability: <http://bit.ly/lpezNrE>

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## We Need You—Volunteer Needs This Week

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who have already signed up to volunteer this year. Here are some specific volunteer positions still in need of help:

- **Picture Day:** We need a couple of volunteers to gather forms and assist the photographers for Picture Day on Tues., Sept. 30. There are half-day or all-day shifts available, and your child will get a **free photo package** if you are able to help!
- **Vision and Hearing Screenings:** Our school nurse, Mrs. Chin, still needs more full-day or partial-day volunteers for the vision and hearing screenings on Tues., Oct. 7 and Wed., Oct. 8. It's easy and fun! Contact Melanie Nalbandian at [locrianmelanie@gmail.com](mailto:locrianmelanie@gmail.com) if you are able to help.
- **Lunchroom Volunteer Point Person:** Explain Thurgood Marshall's lunchtime routine to new lunchroom volunteers.
- **PTA Classroom Reps:** Serve as the liaison between the PTA and your child's class. These teachers need a class rep: Ms. Dugan, Ms. Humphreys, Ms. Gomez, Ms. Jensen, and Ms. Von Beck.
- **PTA Legislative Liaison:** Advocate for school needs by working with the Washington State and regional PTAs on legislative issues affecting education and funding. You'll inform PTA members about local and state issues, and guide our community to take action to impact policy decisions. A guidebook is available from Washington State PTA. Requires two or more hours a month.

For a list of more volunteer opportunities, go to [tmlink.org/info/volunteering](http://tmlink.org/info/volunteering) or contact Volunteer Coordinator Jen Ellis at [jenniferellis.206@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferellis.206@gmail.com) or (206) 276-4982.

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## Let's Go Nuts: Special Allergy Assembly

On Friday, Oct. 3, educator/musician Kyle Dine will present our weekly assemblies with "Let's Go Nuts!" a **lively musical presentation** to help our students understand severe food allergies and learn what they can do to help allergic classmates stay safe. Mr. Dine will use fun puppets and original music to create an interactive performance teaching about allergies and anaphylaxis. Learn more about the programs and music at [www.kyledine.com](http://www.kyledine.com). Parents are encouraged to attend this lively and informative presentation. See [calendar page for assembly times](#).

### Food Allergies - Take Note!



Questions about how our school handles allergies? Contact the school nurse, Molly Chin, at [mchin@seattleschools.org](mailto:mchin@seattleschools.org) for more information.

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## Found Our Lost and Found Yet?



Please be sure to stop by our Lost & Found area, now located by the doors to the playground near our gym. It's filling up already!

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## Earn Money for Thurgood Marshall While You Shop

Shop at Amazon? Use the Amazon link on the front page of the [www.tmlink.org](http://www.tmlink.org) website to earn money for our school, at no cost to yourself!



Tip: Bookmark this link in your browser to use it in the future!

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## Enrichment Classes—Remaining Opportunities

**Attention Parents!** Enrichment needs four more students to keep **Math Games-Grades 4-5** alive (Wednesdays, before school), and just three more students for **Jump for Joy** (jump rope class on Tuesday afternoons, open to all grades). Both these classes start next week, and we would love to keep these fun classes going, so there's still time to enroll if you're interested in one of these two classes. For questions, contact Sudeshna Sen at [sudeshnanw@gmail.com](mailto:sudeshnanw@gmail.com).



There is also still time to enroll students in the **Spanish** before-school class. Spanish classes start **Oct. 6**, and you can enroll online until **Oct. 1**: see the section below for details.

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## Open Their World: Learning Spanish at Thurgood Marshall

Hola! Sponge is excited to offer students at Thurgood Marshall the opportunity to learn language and culture in a fun, immersion environment. Our dynamic, native or near speaking teachers keep students engaged by learning through music, games, movement, drama and art.

Spanish classes are held before school once per week on Mondays from 8:10-9:10 am. The cost is three installments of \$180 for the full school year. To register, go to [www.spongeschool.com/sign-up/](http://www.spongeschool.com/sign-up/) and click the "Elementary School Registration" button.

If you have questions, email Sponge at [info@spongeschool.com](mailto:info@spongeschool.com) or call 425.274.5188.

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## Community Art Project Update

Tuesday evening, the PTA kicked off our Judkins Park community project to develop and install an art piece at Thurgood Marshall through the Coyote Central "Hit the Streets" program. Last year, a Coyote Central collaboration created a fantastic installation at Washington Middle School. We formed a project steering committee composed of school and community members; this group will develop the application for a *Neighborhood Small and Simple Grant* due on October 6.

Stay tuned for more information on how you can be involved in the coming weeks and months. If you're interested in serving on the steering committee, but couldn't attend Tuesday's meeting, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jen Ellis at [jenniferellis.206@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferellis.206@gmail.com) or (206) 276-4982.

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## School Beautification and Landscape Committee

In the meantime, we'll be starting a School Beautification and Landscape Committee as part of the effort to make our school more welcoming. If you're interested in volunteering for this committee, contact Volunteer Coordinator Jen Ellis (see above).

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## Letters for Vosti

Final reminder that families who want to send cards or notes to former 3rd-grade teacher Ms. Vosti should drop them off in the large envelope marked **Vosti** in the front office or send them into school with your child by **Friday, Sept. 26**.